



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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| Event Name         | 20-0013 August Tropical Weather  |
| Date               | September 9, 2020                |
| Time               | 0800                             |
| Operational Period | September 8 to September 9, 2020 |
| Report Number      | 17                               |

| Regions Affected     |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| DPS Regions Affected | 2             |
| DDCs Active          | DDC's 14 & 15 |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Laura continue with; repopulation of their residents and recovery activities.

On September 2, The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announced the opening of a virtual shelter reception center to aid Hurricane Laura evacuees. Prior to landfall of Hurricane Laura, the State of Texas, in partnership with local officials in San Antonio, Austin, and Mesquite operated evacuee reception centers to ensure residents of Texas and Louisiana have a safe place to stay. With the closure of in-person reception centers, assistance to evacuees will continue with the virtual shelter reception center.

Evacuees seeking assistance should call 1-888-991-5229, and be prepared to provide documentation, over the phone and upon arrival, demonstrating residency in one of the affected Texas counties or Louisiana parishes listed below.

Eligible Texas Counties: Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange and Sabine.

Eligible Louisiana Parishes: Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Sabine, Vermilion, Vernon and Winn.

Individuals from outside the impacted areas will not be eligible for sheltering assistance but will be provided additional information on alternative resources. Those individuals should call 2-1-1 for assistance.

As of September 5, the State of Texas continues to provide non-congregate sheltering for over 9,531 evacuees. The Texas Division of Emergency Management will continue to work in coordination with our partners in Louisiana as both states recover from Hurricane Laura.

FEMA has approved the emergency declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-3540-EM) for the counties of Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Dallas, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Refugio, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Willacy and Wood for reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Transition to Recovery
2. Power restoration
3. Sheltering and Mass Care
4. Points of distribution operations.
5. Damage assessments
6. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
7. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

To view the summaries of disaster declarations, letters to the Governor or Disaster Summary Outlines go to: <https://tdem.texas.gov/disaster-summary-outline-2/>

#### **Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Rosenberg)**

**DDC 14 – Lufkin** (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

**Newton County** – Curfew began for all of Newton County Thursday, August 27, between the hours of 10:00PM and 6:00AM each day, until terminated. [Curfew order will be lifted as of 12:00 PM on September 09, 2020.](#)

**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

**Orange County:** The Long Term Recovery Group “Orange County Disaster Rebuild” A mechanism for volunteer and donation management will be determined following the damage assessments and the scope of need is identified.

#### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

##### **Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):**

The State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions. The Daily Operations staff continues to process disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the

alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with any unmet needs and resources.

**TDEM Mass Care:** With the use of Non-Congregate sheltering, most jurisdictions are locating single sites to send evacuees that need COVID-19 isolation and quarantine with the proper support personnel. They are not being tested. All congregate shelters have been closed and shelter guests transitioned to non-congregate shelters.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS currently has 28 personnel assigned and numerous resources rostered to assist with needs relating to August Tropical Weather response. TFS is currently providing planning and logistical support, and other functional areas as needed, to TDEM and local entities. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR processing, logistical support for shipping and receiving medical and sheltering supplies, and incident management support.

**Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC):** Continues to monitor the restoration of infrastructure and the power outages caused by Hurricane Laura.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

Drinking Water Systems: Drinking Water System Assessment data pulled from the Natural Disaster Operations Workgroup (NDOW) Response Manager Database as of 4:00 PM Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Phone assessments are being conducted for 171 drinking water systems in seven counties including: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine and San Augustine.

- Of the 171 systems assessed, 157 are operational (10 are operational on generators) and seven are non-operational.
- 31 systems are under a Boil Water Notice and 22 have been rescinded.

Wastewater Facilities: Wastewater Facility Assessment data pulled from the NDOW Response Manager Database as of 4:00 PM Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Phone assessments are being conducted for 58 wastewater systems in seven counties including: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine and San Augustine.

- Of the 58 systems assessed, 57 are operational (56 with no issues, one is operational on generators), and one is non-operational.

At TCEQ's request, the EPA TAGA bus conducted daytime air monitoring in the Beaumont and Port Arthur areas.

Ambient Monitoring Stations: Two stations (one in Beaumont-Port Arthur and one in Orange) are without power.

Eight Temporary Debris Management Site (TDMS) in Newton, Orange, Sabine and Jasper Counties have been authorized. Staff continue to provide guidance on debris management and are available to review and authorize temporary debris management sites, as needed.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD currently has currently has 210 activated personnel in support of the August Tropical Weather Response. TMD is supporting multiple shelter sites with ETN operations in the DFW Metroplex Area. TMD operated 1 POD site at the Deweyville High School and distributed 369 pallets of ice, 734 pallets of MRE's, and 619 pallets of water to date.

### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs):**

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The American Red Cross has established a disaster relief operation (DR 538-21) in support of Hurricane Laura across Texas. They have established districts in North Texas, Central Texas, and Southeast Texas.

- There is 1 congregate shelter in Beaumont with 27 clients open in National Shelter System.
- The American Red Cross is operating are providing dormitory management to multiple non-congregate hotel shelters across the state.

**Feeding Texas:** Feeding Texas is a statewide network of food banks leading a unified effort to end hunger in Texas. Preparing food banks and food pantries to be able to respond after landfall.

#### Feeding Texas Network support

- Working with Feeding America, HEB and state food banks to get more ready to eat type food boxes ready to send into the area if needed.
- Coordinating with TDEM ESF 6, Texas Feeding Taskforce, and Texas VOAD
- In communication with TDA, HHSC, DSHS regarding D-SNAP, Household commodities and various information and waivers needed once a presidential declaration is issued.



**Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC):** SBTC IMT is working out of the First Baptist Church in Kountze, Hardin County. SBTC to date, has provided: 904 showers, 595 loads of laundry, 150 homes completed, 334 total requests received, 127 generator hours, 71 heavy equipment hours, 9,396 total meals prepared and 8,590 volunteer hours.

**Texas Baptist Men (TBM):** TBM has two bases of operation. As of August 31, TBM has prepared 2,690 meals, worked 10,446 volunteer hours, distributed 425 boxes, provided 894 showers, completed 614 loads of laundry, processed 596 work requests, completed 331 assessments, completed 168 chainsaw jobs, worked 572 heavy equipment hours, and completed 4 temporary roofing jobs.

**Points of Distribution (PODs):** The Deweyville POD has officially closed. Three empty trailers need to be picked up on Wednesday, September 9. All POD supplies are being returned to Ford Park. Pickup will be arranged for the forklift, pallet jacks, power plant, dumpsters and garbage cans.

The electric power for most of the Deweyville area should be repaired by Wednesday. The school, Dollar General, Family Dollar and gas stations are open. Salvation Army plans on giving away frozen chicken and hot meals on Wednesday at the High School.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| AMBULANCES  | BUSES  |
|---|--|
|  |  |
| 25  | 65   |

| Agency       | Resource Kind and Type                   | Personnel | Equipment | Status            | Location             |
|--------------|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| TDEM         | DRTF Staff                               | 23        |           | Assigned          | SE Texas             |
| TDEM         | PWERT                                    | 10        |           | Assigned          | SE Texas             |
| TDEM         | EM Support                               | 4         |           | Assigned          | SE Texas             |
| AgriLife A&M | SOC Liaison                              | 1         |           | Assigned          | SOC/Austin           |
| AgriLife A&M | Administration                           | 2         |           | Assigned          | College Station      |
| TFS A&M      | TFS/ESF 4 Representatives                | 1         |           | Assigned          | SOC/Austin           |
| TFS A&M      | TFS EOC Support                          | 3         |           | Assigned          | College Station      |
| TFS A&M      | Logistical Support (RSA/PODs)            | 2         |           | Assigned          | Austin/SOC           |
| TFS A&M      | All-Hazards Planning Modules             | 3         |           | Assigned          | Jasper County        |
| TFS A&M      | RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support         | 19        |           | Assigned          | Ford Park RSA        |
| TAHC         | SOC Representative                       | 1         |           | Assigned, On-Call | Austin/SOC (Virtual) |
| HHSC         | SOC Liason                               | 1         |           | Assigned          | Austin/Alt SOC       |
| HHSC         | Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator | 2         |           | Assigned          | DDC 14               |
| TMD          | Brigade Mission Command                  | 13        |           | Assigned          | Fort Worth           |
| TMD          | Ground Support Unit HDQTRs               | 3         |           | Assigned          | Jasper               |
| TMD          | TICPs                                    | 4         |           | Assigned          | Beaumont             |
| TMD          | MDC DDC 4A                               | 2         |           | Assigned          | Fort Worth           |
| TMD          | MDC DDC 4B                               | 1         |           | Assigned          | Dallas               |

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| TMD | MDC DDC 15            | 1   |  | Assigned | Beaumont       |
| TMD | MDC DDC 14            | 1   |  | Assigned | Lufkin         |
| TMD | ETN Teams             | 12  |  | Assigned | Farmers Branch |
| TMD | ETN Teams             | 7   |  | Assigned | Dallas         |
| TMD | ETN Teams             | 101 |  | Assigned | Mesquite       |
| TMD | Adaptive Battle Staff | 32  |  | Assigned | Various        |
| TMD | PODS                  | 29  |  | Assigned | Deweyville HS  |

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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